

NATIONAL CAPITAL  
GREETES NEW YEARNoise and Worship Combined  
in the Celebration.

## WATCH NIGHT SERVICES

Churches Hold Special Exercises  
with Songs and Sermons.Whistles Blown, Horns Tooted, and  
Megaphones Used with Telling Ef-  
fect—Giant Crackers and Six-shoot-  
ers Utilized to Increase General  
Confusion—Good Humor Seemed  
Universally Prevalent in the City.It was seven minutes before 12 o'clock  
last night when the first toot stole a  
march on the rest of the toots and an-  
nounced that the year 1909 had really  
arrived on time in spite of strikes, floods,  
and fires.Like a sprinter who "jumps the gun,"  
that first toot played havoc with all the  
others that had resolved and crossed their  
hearts not to go off until it was time.  
It was too much for human restraint.  
All over the city persons with their hands  
on bell ropes and whistle cords  
suddenly began to doubt their watches.Perhaps the other fellow was right. His  
toot sounded as if he thought he was,  
anyway. So they all broke loose, cast  
previous calculations to the winds, and  
industriously commenced to make noise.Talked Through Megaphone.  
Down in Pennsylvania avenue mega-  
phone after megaphone protruded from  
doorway and window, conveying sten-  
torian announcements, all designed to  
convey the impression that 1909 was with  
us, willy-nilly.The giant cannon cracker and the six-  
shooter started to bark and roar, accord-  
ing to their several inclinations. The police-  
man on the beat rushed to the corner,  
stamping twice with his foot, thus  
showing his enthusiasm and preserving his  
dignity at the same time. The night  
lunch man opened up the exhaust on the  
coffee heater and the night-liner cavorted  
up and down the streets, regardless of  
police regulations.Helter-skelter, higgledy-piggledy, people  
ran about, telling one another what  
good fellows they were and wishing one  
another well. In hotel, club, and church  
and home a unanimous welcome was ex-  
tended the newcomer in our chronologi-  
cal midst.Differing from the elaborate musical  
services of Christmas, the celebrations of  
the coming of the new year in the  
churches were simple and thoughtful, al-  
though the refreshment and entertaining  
features were none the less enjoyable.Calvary Baptist Church.  
Two departments of Calvary Baptist  
Church held observances—the Vaughn  
club and the superintendents and teach-  
ers of the Sunday school. The latter  
merged their regular covenant meeting  
into a watch night service, and the for-  
mer met downstairs, 166 strong, and held  
their annual New Year's banquet.The banquet was presided over by Dr.  
E. C. Rice, president of the class, and  
after a generous repast a programme of  
addresses was heard.H. C. Meitzke, for the last seven years a  
Pullman conductor on a railroad line  
between this city and Chicago, told of  
the lack of hospitality extended to young  
men who enter the strange cities, and  
said his experience had shown him any  
number of instances where this lone-  
some and heartless neglect had been the  
undoing of young men, whose fortunes  
had led them to wander into untrodden  
fields.Mr. Meitzke attacked the tendency he  
said he had seen in the churches to ad-  
vertise their Sunday services, and make  
no public mention of other services  
through the week."The devil has six days of full sway,"  
he said, "six days and nights in which  
he rules the world that has been done in  
the six days Sunday."He spoke of the presence of brilliantly  
lighted saloons near the railroad stations,  
and declared that if Christian houses  
were placed near the depots and made as  
attractive and conspicuous as the drink-  
ing houses, the number of young men  
would be immeasurably increased who  
would be drawn into good habits of  
living.Fifth Baptist Church.  
Members of the Fifth Baptist Church  
and Sunday school gathered in the parlors  
of the church last evening to bid the old  
year farewell and give the new year a  
warm welcome.The programme started with a brief  
prayer service, followed by an informal  
reception to those who have joined the  
church within the last year.At 8:30 o'clock the members retired to  
the auditorium, where the watch meeting  
was held. Rev. Weston Bruner, pastor,  
gave a brief talk on "Voices." He said  
there were many voices which returned to  
the hearts of men at this time, and  
among these were the voices of regret for  
the wrongs of the last year; the voice of  
repentance, and the voice of forgiveness.He said the voice of God was calling all  
to register themselves to Him and offer  
their services to His work.Selections were given by the Washing-  
ton Choral Club, under the direction of  
Charles F. Stanley, and a solo was sung  
by Miss Mildred Griggs.The service closed with a hallelujah  
chorus by the congregation.The Mr. and Mrs. Bruner will receive  
at 10 o'clock, 623 F street southwest,  
this afternoon.The fifth annual roll call of the church  
will be held Sunday morning, when the  
pastor will announce his decision as to  
whether he will accept the call to the  
first church of Durham, N. C. It was  
said last evening upon good authority  
that he will not leave his pastorate in  
this city.At Father Memorial Lutheran Church  
last night was sung and the new  
year was welcomed.

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Baltimore and Return, \$1.25.  
Baltimore and Ohio R. R.  
Saturday and Sunday. All trains  
both ways, both days, except Royal Lim-  
ousine City offices, 1417 G st. and 215 Pa. ave.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia—  
Generally fair to-day and to-mor-  
row; continued cold; moderate  
northwesterly, shifting to north-  
easterly, winds.

## HERALD NEWS SUMMARY.

Pages. TELEGRAPHIC.  
1—Sicily's Dead Number 300,000.  
1—Mrs. Erb Breaks Down in Court.  
10—Parents of Hains on Stand.  
10—Taft Withdraws from Race.

## LOCAL.

1—Mail Brings Messages of Earthquake.  
1—Gas Report Guarded by Officials.  
2—New Year Ushered in by Churches.  
2—Aged Woman Run Down by Wagon.  
3—Capt. George T. Dudley Dies.  
10—Girl and Father Overcome by Gas.  
14—Maj. Sylvester Wants More Policemen.  
14—Port Myer Soldiers Take Part in Drill.TAFT OUTLINES  
REPUBLICAN PLANPresident-elect Explains New  
Movement in South.

## FOR A POLITICAL CHANGE

Conference Between Leaders of  
Party to Aid Malcontents.Proposition is to Organize Clubs for  
Those Who Wish to Act Independ-  
ently of the Democrats, but Who  
Do Not Necessarily Have to Line Up  
with the G. O. C.—Will Not Dis-  
cuss the Ohio S. Trial Race.Augusta, Ga., Dec. 31.—Mr. Taft gave  
out a statement to-night outlining the  
plan for the spread of Republicanism  
in the South, which had been under discus-  
sion here for two days. The statement  
is as follows:"The conference between Mr. Taft and  
Messrs. Hammond, Hitchcock, and Sher-  
rill (T. H. Sherrill, secretary of the Busi-  
ness Men's League), in reference to the  
action to be taken with a view to the or-  
ganization of the real sentiment in the  
South in favor of a political change in  
that section, resulted satisfactorily in a  
plan agreed upon by all parties."The Republican organization is to be  
maintained in all the States, and efforts  
made to increase the ranks of the Republi-  
can party as fully as possible. With the  
purpose, however, of securing the assist-  
ance of those who do not desire to ally  
themselves with the Republican party as  
Republicans, but only wish to act inde-  
pendently of the Democratic party in na-  
tional campaigns, it was thought best to  
secure the names of those who would take  
charge of the independent movement in  
each State, with a view to their subse-  
quent organization at a time when such  
political action would be opportune.

## Name is Immaterial.

"The impression which has gone out  
that in the conference any of the con-  
ferenees were in favor of giving up the  
movement was erroneous. The question  
which name clubs to be organized in the  
future should bear is a mere matter of  
detail. In respect to which no decision  
was reached."Mr. Taft declined to-day to comment  
on the withdrawal of his brother from the  
Ohio Senatorial race, except to say that  
he understood the action had been taken  
in the interest of the party har-  
mony in Ohio. Mr. Taft had been repre-  
sented as having been embarrassed by  
his brother's candidacy. Those who know  
the President-elect best say this is abso-  
lutely untrue.Henry W. Taft, another of the Presi-  
dent-elect's brothers, arrived here to-day,  
and will spend several days in the Taft  
cottage.The President-elect watched the old  
year out and the new in at the Augusta  
Golf Club house. The club held a recep-  
tion in honor of him and Mrs. Taft.

## KING OF TRAMPS DEAD.

"Blind Eye" Passes Away in Woods  
with Twenty Pals Around Him.Sullivan, Ind., Dec. 31.—"Blind Eye,"  
the best-known hobo of the Northwest, whose  
real name was Turman Butcher, died in the  
woods near this city at a late hour last  
night surrounded by some twenty  
hoboes, of whom he was the acknowl-  
edged leader.It was just after midnight that he  
passed away, and an hour later the body  
was placed in a grave dug by his friends  
and over which a short service was con-  
ducted and the simple tale of his life  
given by a friend.He was sixty-two years of age and had  
been a tramp since early manhood. Those  
who attended him in his illness say that  
he was a born hero, for he had never  
injured a human being or worked a day  
since he became a vag.

## Will Publish Letters.

New York, Dec. 31.—Lillian Russell has  
another surprise in store for her friends  
and the public. She has just announced  
that the love letters which she has re-  
ceived during her long and wonderful  
stage career will be published within a  
short time. Their number is legion, and  
already the actress has decided to divide  
the epistles into two volumes, one of a  
serious nature, the other of a humorous  
turn.Large Sale at Sloan's To-morrow.  
A very large and attractive collection  
of household and office furniture, carpets,  
ornaments, etc., from an estate, local ho-  
tels and a storage company, will be sold  
at Sloan's, 1407 G st., to-morrow at 10 a.  
m. An absolute auction of desirable goods  
worth attending. Messrs. Sloan & Co.  
beg to extend to their patrons a happy  
and prosperous New Year.

Cemetery wreaths, 50 up. Kramer's.

OFFICIALS GUARD  
REPORT ON GASDr. Wiley's Findings in Dis-  
trict Attorney's Hands.

## WILL GO TO BONAPARTE

Known that Presence of Water  
Makes Product Dangerous.Recommendations for More Strin-  
gent Regulation of Supply Made  
by Chemists—At Least 75 Per Cent  
of the Output Is What Is Known  
as Water Gas—Character of the Com-  
pany Permits Questionable Quality.Dr. Wiley's special report touching  
upon the quality of gas furnished to  
consumers by the Washington Gaslight  
Company is in the hands of Assistant  
District Attorney Stuart McNamara, and  
its contents will not be divulged until  
next week.This statement was made by an official  
of the District government last night,  
who asserted that Mr. McNamara and his  
superior, Daniel W. Baker, are bound to  
submit their findings to Attorney General  
Bonaparte before the report is made  
public.It is known that the district attorney  
and his assistants have been working on  
the report for several days, and although  
he denies having seen the document, it  
was learned last night that Dr. Baker  
expects to submit the findings on Dr.  
Wiley's significant criticism in a few  
days.

## Report Closely Guarded.

Although the report has been guarded  
with the utmost secrecy, it undoubtedly  
contains recommendations for a more  
stringent regulation of the gas supply.  
The chemists who prepared the paper  
have expressly stated in their summary  
that gas as it is supplied by the Wash-  
ington Gaslight Company and the George-  
town Gaslight Company is more or less  
dangerous.They support this assertion by quot-  
ing figures showing that 75 per cent of  
the product is of that quality known as  
"water gas," the remaining 25 per cent  
being coal gas. This proportion of  
water gas in the product varies, and no  
denial is made by the employees of the  
company that in some instances the amount  
of "water gas" is 85 per cent.Inasmuch as "water gas" is prohibited  
by many municipalities in the United  
States, and because of the large amount  
of carbon monoxide that is generated by  
this kind of illuminant, the chemists of  
the Department of Agriculture have rec-  
ommended that an enactment be passed  
regulating its further manufacture.

## Necessitates Use of Water Gas.

Speaking of the investigation and find-  
ings of the Agriculture Department ex-  
perts, as reported in this paper, a gentle-  
man thoroughly familiar with the gas  
situation in Washington yesterday said  
that it was undoubtedly true that the ele-  
ment of danger was somewhat increased  
in the use of a product such as is dis-  
tributed under the requirements of the  
District law.A twenty-two candle light is exacted  
under penalty, he said, and to escape  
penalty a gas of approximately 25 can-  
dles power is produced. Under this  
situation there is a combined water and  
coal gas, two-thirds being water gas and  
one-third coal gas."The best possible gas," said this gentle-  
man, "is coal gas of 100 candle power.  
It is a better heating gas, and an equally  
good illuminating gas, though a trifle  
yellow, if handled with modern attachments,  
which are cheap."A combination of water gas and coal  
gas such as is necessitated here to attain  
the required 22 candle power necessarily  
tends to produce monoxide. Danger can  
be prevented altogether, or greatly mini-  
mized, with proper precautions."In my opinion, in the adjustment of  
the gas company's affairs by legislation,  
involving a probable reduction in price,  
Congress could take no wiser step than  
to alter the requirement as to candle  
power, permitting the manufacture and  
distribution of gas of, say, 18-candle  
power. This would mean a combination  
of one-third water gas with two-thirds  
coal gas, and the results, in my opinion,  
would certainly prove satisfactory in the  
highest degree."Although he did not speak for the  
company, which has vouchsafed no state-  
ment as to the governmental report, this  
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## MAYOR ADVERTISES SELF.

Wilkes-Barre, Pa., Dec. 31.—Mayor Lewis  
P. Kniffin, of this city, to-day distributed  
to friends a 1909 calendar, showing him  
in a large picture fighting the illegal sale  
of cocaine. It is headed "Mayor Lewis  
P. Kniffin, of Wilkes-Barre, fighting the  
demon, cocaine."

## APPEAL FOR AID OF SUFFERERS.

At a meeting yesterday of representatives of the District government,  
the Board of Trade, and the Chamber of Commerce the following appeal  
was issued to the citizens of the District of Columbia to contribute to the  
Red Cross fund for the earthquake sufferers:"We feel that we do not have to appeal to the people of Washington,  
always generous in their philanthropy, to aid the sufferers by the terrible  
disaster in Italy. We believe that our fellow-citizens share the general  
compassion and desire to help, which are all the stronger because this  
calamity came in Christmas week, when the brotherhood of humanity is  
most strongly felt.""We believe that the District will do its full share in this as on all  
similar occasions. Therefore, we think it necessary only to advise that  
our contributions should be made through the District of Columbia branch  
of the American National Red Cross, which is in direct communication  
with the Italian Red Cross, through whose agency relief will be given.""Contributions should be sent as promptly as possible to Howard S.  
Reeside, second vice president American Security and Trust Company,  
treasurer District of Columbia branch of the American National Red Cross."

"He gives twice who gives quickly."

"It is urged that contributions be made before January 9.  
"Contributions will be received and transmitted to the Red Cross by  
the treasurer of the Board of Trade, E. H. Droop, 925 Pennsylvania avenue,  
and the treasurer of the Chamber of Commerce, A. Lisner, Eleventh and  
G streets northwest, by any bank and any trust company in the District  
of Columbia, by each of the daily newspapers, and by arrangement with  
Postmaster Barnes each of the ten carrier stations of the post-office."New Five-hour Train to New York.  
Beginning January 4, Leaves Washington  
9 a. m. daily via Penn. R. R. Pullman  
parlor cars, dining car, and coaches.Special Centerpieces for the New Year's  
Dinner and reception, \$1 up. Blackstone.  
Immortelles, 25c bunch. Kramer, 215 F.

## MONEY POURS IN FAST.

Nearly \$800,000 Turned Over to Red  
Cross Society in New York.New York, Dec. 31.—In response to the  
proclamation issued by Mayor McJannet  
on Wednesday, contributions for the  
Italian fund were received to-day at the  
city hall to the amount of \$3,855. Mrs.  
Russell Sage headed the list with a gift  
of \$5,000, and four subscriptions of \$1,000  
each were received from Speyer & Co.,  
M. C. D. Borden, August Belmont, and  
George Elmer.Lionello Perera, the Italian Red Cross  
delegate, cabled \$10,000 to the office of the  
society in Rome to-night, representing  
his receipts for the day.The Italian chamber of commerce,  
which sent out circular letters to its  
members Wednesday, was able, to add  
\$7,000 to the fund to-night.The New York Stock Exchange ap-  
pointed a committee to raise funds.  
A subscription list was started on the  
exchange this morning. There was  
a continuous stream of persons  
bringing contributions to the office of the  
American Red Cross to-day, at 500 Fifth  
avenue.The largest sum of the day was con-  
tributed by the United States Steel Cor-  
poration, which sent \$25,000. The Stand-  
ard Oil Company of New Jersey sub-  
scribed \$10,000. Among the many other  
large contributors were Howard Gould,  
\$2,500; H. C. Frick, \$2,500, and others.  
The total amount received during the  
day was \$57,974.

## HUSBAND'S APPEAL DENIED.

Justices Deny New Trial to Mrs. An-  
drews, Relative of Roosevelt.New York, Dec. 31.—The justices in the  
appellate division of the Supreme Court  
in Brooklyn to-day denied the application  
of Constant A. Andrews for a new trial  
for his wife, Mrs. Blanche Andrews, a  
relative of President Roosevelt, and who  
is in the Knolls Sanatorium.Some time ago Mrs. Andrews, who is  
wealthy, was adjudged incompetent to  
manage her own affairs, and her brother-  
in-law, John E. Roosevelt, and John Not-  
man were appointed a committee to  
manage her estate.

## TAFT TELLS HIS WISH.

Peace with All Nations and Con-  
tinued Prosperity at Home.New York, Dec. 31.—La Mott, of Paris,  
cabled President-elect Taft for a New  
Year sentiment to be printed in the Matin  
on New Year's morning, suggested by  
the following question:"What is your wish for the New Year  
regarding the situation at home and  
abroad?"The President-elect sent the following  
reply:"My most earnest wish is for the pres-  
ervation of the peace of the world and  
for the continuance of the friendly re-  
lations which this nation enjoys with all  
other nations of the earth.""Let us hope that with the completion  
of the year 1909 the necessity of settling  
disputes between nations by brute force  
will be found even more remote than it  
is now.""At home we all, of course, look for-  
ward to a continuance of the happiness  
and prosperity we now enjoy."  
—WILLIAM H. TAFT.

## FOLLOW CHILD TO GRAVE.

Noted Professor and Wife Inhale  
Chloroform.New York, Dec. 31.—Within a few hours  
after the death of their eighteen-year-old  
daughter, J. P. Gordy, a professor at  
New York University, and his wife com-  
mitted suicide this afternoon by inhaling  
chloroform fumes in their apartments, at  
620 West 15th street.The double suicide came as a climax to  
a week's illness of Miss Goodwin  
Gordy, who was stricken down with  
bronchial pneumonia the day before  
Christmas.Friends of the couple state that they  
were devoted to their daughter, a pretty  
and talented young girl, and that when  
she succumbed to her illness they were  
grief-stricken. Declining all proffers of  
aid from sympathetic neighbors, they  
went into the bedroom of their apartment  
and, with their arms about each other,  
inhaled the drug they apparently hoped  
would unite them with their daughter.

## LIFE COMPANY QUILTS.

Transfers All Policies to Pittsburgh  
Concern.New York, Dec. 31.—The Washington  
Life Insurance Company, which last  
September was sold to a syndicate of  
Pittsburgh men headed by William C.  
Baldwin, president of the Pittsburgh  
Life and Trust Company, ceases with  
the expiration of the year to do business,  
except, of course, to fulfill its obligations  
as a company.It has reassigned all its policies with the  
Pittsburgh Life and Trust Company, and  
transferred all of its property in this  
city to the Pittsburgh company.

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## THREE DEAD AT WEDDING.

Shooting Follows Nuptials in Which  
Two Families Are Feudists.Dallas, Tex., Dec. 31.—Three men were  
killed in a shooting affray that occurred  
this afternoon at a wedding in the vil-  
lage of Prairie Lea, Tex. The tragedy  
was the sequel to a marriage between  
members of two families, between the  
heads of which ill feeling existed. The  
dead are:

Edward Boothé, the bridegroom.

Henry Gools, father of the bride.

Younger Gools, brother of the bride.

## Briber Given Four Years.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—E. A. S. Blake,  
convicted of attempting to bribe a juror  
in the first Erb trial, was sentenced to-  
day to four years in State prison. Blake  
after his conviction implicated Murphy  
and Newburg, two of Erb's attorneys.

## WRIGHT WINS CUP.

Aeroplane Exports Stays in Air More  
Than Two Hours.Le Mans, Dec. 31.—The time expired to-  
day for contestants to make long-dis-  
tance aerial flights for the Michelin Cup.  
It was practically won by Wilbur  
Wright on December 15, but he clinched  
his victory to-day when he flew from  
2:30 to 4:25, covering in that time 120  
kilometres (75 miles), of which 117 count  
for the cup, that distance having been  
traversed before sunset, which occurred  
at 4:15.\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return  
Saturdays and Sundays via Pennsylvania  
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SUFFERING IS INTENSECONSUL'S REPORT  
WORD FROM DEADMail Brings Message from  
Earthquake Victim.

## ITS CONTENTS A SECRET

One of Dr. Cheney's Treaties on  
Trade Conditions.Dead Diplomat, Known Intimately  
to Many Washingtonians, Sent His  
Final Document Only a Few Days  
Before He Was Killed in the Dis-  
aster at Messina—Tariff Committee  
Has Other Papers from Him.Like a voice from the tomb, there has  
come from the devastated city of Messina  
to the State Department within the last  
few hours an official report from Dr.  
Arthur S. Cheney, American consul, now  
dead in the stricken city.It was forwarded by mail as one of a  
series of reports on trade conditions in  
Sicily, and arrived only yesterday. Its  
contents cannot be divulged until it has  
passed through the customary depart-  
ment routine.It will then be forwarded to the De-  
partment of Commerce and Labor for  
official publication in the consular re-  
ports.Another of Dr. Cheney's reports was  
received in Washington only a few weeks  
ago, and is now in possession of the  
House Ways and Means Committee.  
Some secrecy is maintained as to its con-  
tents, and the explanation given for such  
action is that the report was trans-  
mitted from abroad for the use of the  
tariff committee in framing a tariff bill. What  
secret reference the report on Sicily may  
have to a general American tariff bill  
can be only surmised as coming within  
the committee's broad inquiry into the  
cost of labor in all sections of the world  
with reference to calculations on read-  
justing American duties.

## Anticipates Industrial Situation.

It is learned upon good authority, how-  
ever, that the report has to do with the  
entire industrial situation at Messina,  
covering twenty closely typewritten  
pages.One of its interesting features is a  
description of the proposed government  
monopoly for the purpose of maintaining  
an artificial selling price on two articles  
of export—citrate of lime, a product of  
the fine lemons grown there, and oil of  
bergamot. The Italian government al-  
ready sustains a satisfactory monopoly  
on sulphur and certain other articles.The plan under consideration is similar  
to the Brazilian coffee valorization plan,  
under which the government undertakes  
to save its business men from cut prices,  
and thus maintain the equilibrium of the  
market under all conditions.Consul Cheney visited Washington just  
before going abroad to take up his duties  
at Messina. His stay here was brief, in  
the late spring of 1907, leaving in June.  
He had served as vice and deputy consul  
at Reichenberg, Austria, an industrial  
center, from November 27, 1906, and after  
his Washington trip he was appointed to  
a full consular post and sent to Messina  
August 15, 1907. His efficient work there  
had so impressed the department that his  
early promotion was assured.

## Knew Many Washingtonians.

A dozen or more Washingtonians knew  
Consul Cheney more or less intimately, a  
number of them having been Yale college  
mates.He was graduated from the Sheffield  
Scientific School at Yale in the class of  
'88, where one of his best-known class-  
mates was the famous football player,  
"Josh" Hartwell, who played with  
"Fudge" Heddegger and Alonzo Stagg,  
of the preceding class, in making early  
football history. Another class mate  
was William C. Wirtzberg, long college  
champion line runner. Like Consul Chen-  
ey, both Hartwell and Wirtzberg be-  
came medical men after going through  
the scientific course.In the Yale academic class of the same  
year Cheney's classmates included these  
Washingtonians: Forester Clifford Pin-  
chot, Assistant Attorney General George  
W. Woodruff, Interior Department; Her-  
bert A. Smith and Philip P. Wells, of the  
Forest Service; Horace Wylie, of Thomas  
circle, and Father David Hillhouse Buel,  
formerly president of Georgetown Univer-  
sity.Two other classmates were at President  
Roosevelt's recent labor dinner at the  
White House—Charles H. Sherrill and Ed-  
ward J. Gavegan.Mrs. Erb, sister of the captain, was  
called to the stand next. She testified  
that on a visit to Red Gables Mrs. Erb  
came into the room where the captain lay  
and asked him for money. He was very  
angry and told her to leave his bedside,  
saying: "I got my dose all right."Mrs. Erb said, "He isn't sick. I'll see  
that he gets out of this place. I'll see that  
he's got rid of."

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members of two families, between the  
heads of which ill feeling existed. The  
dead are:

Edward Boothé, the bridegroom.

Henry Gools, father of the bride.

Younger Gools, brother of the bride.

## Briber Given Four Years.

San Francisco, Dec. 31.—E. A. S. Blake,  
convicted of attempting to bribe a juror